

Greatest Generation are a reminder to all of us of the importance of duty, patriotism, and sacrifice. No word or action will ever repay what these men and women have done for our country, but I hope that today's journey with the Honor Flight serves as a small token of our immeasurable gratitude for their service to this great nation.

I ask that this body join me in thanking our veterans for their service, and the Honor Flight program for making days like today possible for veterans across the country.

MADDIE MIERA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maddie Miera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maddie Miera is an 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maddie Miera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maddie Miera for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

### IN RECOGNITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) and the distinguished Sacramento leaders who are being honored at their 16th annual scholarship gala. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing APSEA, the students they serve, and the fine Sacramentans they are honoring.

APSEA and the APSEA Foundation have played a vital role in the education and professional development of countless state employees and local students. Since 1975, APSEA and the APSEA Foundation have advocated for the advancement of its members, who are primarily California State government employees. APSEA holds training seminars and provides networking opportunities that have resulted in a more well trained state workforce. Additionally, they foster civic participation and cultural awareness throughout Sacramento. The APSEA Foundation raises money to provide vital scholarships for our leaders of tomorrow.

At the 16th annual gala, Darrel H. Woo is being honored with APSEA's President Award.

Mr. Woo is a community leader and activist who serves as a senior staff counsel for the State of California Department of Insurance, as well as an elected trustee of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Jim Kahue is also being honored at this year's gala, as APSEA's Member of the Year Award. Mr. Kahue has been a public servant since 1960 when he began working for the State of California. He has been actively involved in APSEA as the organization's co-founder and its first president.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Asian Pacific State Employees Association and the Asian Pacific State Employees Association Foundation gather to celebrate, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their unwavering commitment to the Sacramento Region.

### RECOGNIZING THE ENLISTMENT OF TWENTY-THREE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FROM FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize twenty-three graduating seniors from my Congressional district for their record of scholastic and athletic accomplishment, and their honorable decision to enlist in the United States Military.

As graduation season begins this year, thousands of young people all across the nation are preparing for the next chapter in their lives. Many will pursue higher education or vocational training, some will enter the workforce immediately, and a select few will dedicate themselves to serving their country.

The United States of America has set itself apart by the determination and spirit of our people, the knowledge that we can achieve any goal if we set our minds to it, our inherent compassion and generosity, our fierce patriotism, and the extraordinary sacrifices and dedication to country exhibited by the members of our Armed Forces. The young men and women from our community who will be enlisting possess an abundance of each of these qualities. I join with their families and friends in congratulating and commending the following graduates on their enlistment in the United States Military:

Darrius Freeman, Royal Palm Beach, FL—Air Force

Cacinni Young, West Palm Beach, FL—Air Force

Jelani Mccray, Riviera Beach, FL—Air Force

Devon Breen, Loxahatchee, FL—Army

Angel Sanchez, Lake Harbor, FL—Army

Arturo Roblero, West Palm Beach, FL—Army

Cristian Martinez, West Palm Beach, FL—Marines

Ryan Dunning, West Palm Beach, FL—Marines

Yvesland Belizaire, Boynton Beach, FL—Marines

Monroe Desulma, Boynton Beach, FL—Marines

Cesar Silva, Belle Glade, FL—Marines

Gunnar Gustafson, Wellington, FL—Marines

Kevin Garcia Velasquez, West Palm Beach, FL—Marines

Manuel Palomino, West Palm Beach, FL—Marines

Christie Pierre, Riviera Beach, FL—Marines

Michael Westman, Lake Worth, FL—Marines

Bryan Headley, Riviera Beach, FL—Marines

Peter Gay Bryan, West Palm Beach, FL—Marines

Tyi Thomas, Riviera Beach, FL—Marines

Phillip Perkins Jr., Riviera Beach, FL—Marines

Ruthlynn Laurince, Lantana, FL—Navy

Indira Merrick, Belle Glade, FL—Navy

Diana Noethig, West Palm Beach, FL—Navy

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize these selfless young people for their invaluable commitment to serve our great nation, and their leadership and courage as positive examples for their fellow classmates. I wish them all the very best.

KONRAD SCHNEIDER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Konrad Schneider for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Konrad Schneider is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Konrad Schneider is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Konrad Schneider for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### WALTER SCOTT AND POLICE VIOLENCE IN AMERICA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*

Ms. LEE. First, let me thank Congressman JEFFRIES for his leadership in hosting this important Special Order on a critical issue facing every single member of the House—the senseless murder of our young African American male constituents and the overmilitarization of our police forces.

My heart and prayers continue to go out to Walter Scott's family. Losing a loved one is always incredibly hard. But it is unbearable when a life is cut short.

The unfortunate truth is the tragic death of Walter Scott is another in a series of tragedies that remind us that, to some, the lives of young black men and women do not matter.